

REMARKS

I. Comments on the Allowed Claims

The Office Action Summary, under Item 5, states that "Claims(s) 25 and 26 is/are allowed." However, page 4 of the Final Office Action states that "Claims 24 and 25 are allowed." Applicants request clarification of the status of Claims 24, 25, and 26.

II Objection to Claim 30

The Examiner objected to Claim 30, stating that "Claim 30 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (Office Action, page 4.) Applicants submit that Claims 24, 27, 28, and 29, from which Claim 30 depends directly or indirectly, are adequately described as also explained in the Response filed February 3, 2003 (those comments being incorporated herein).

III. Rejection of Claims 24, 27-29, and 31 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, written description

Applicants submit that Claims 24, 27-29, and 31 are adequately described as also explained in the Response filed February 3, 2003 (those comments being incorporated herein).

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is fully in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner contemplates other action, or if a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' Agent below.

If the USPTO determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **09-0108**, as set forth in the enclosed fee transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,
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